

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

IAC Conference Room
150 W. Market Street, Suite 618
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 3, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Dick Stifel, Chair

Minutes

Members present: none

Members via teleconference: Dick Stifel, Jeanne Mirro, Karen Ellerbrook, Sandi Clark

Members absent: none

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin

1. **Approval of December 3, 2008 minutes and Consent Agenda.** Mr. Stifel convened the meeting at 9:02 a.m., and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Ms. Clark moved to adopt the consent agenda; Ms. Mirro seconded. Motion passed.

2. **Financials.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the year-to-date IAC budget through January 31, 2009. IAC is currently 2% under budget and on-track to continue under-budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3. **2009 – 2010 Budget.**

a. **Scenarios – Recommendation of COF.** Mr. Ricci presented the handout (attached) which was passed by the Committee of the Future for recommendation to the full commission, showing the IAC plan for accommodating four different state budget scenarios: the first with no reduction in the FY2010 budget, the second with a \$500,000 reduction, the third with a \$1,000,000 reduction and the fourth with the \$2,000,000 reduction asked for by the governor. Under each scenario IAC budget items have been altered to show where monies would be spent. Mr. Stifel asked for a motion to adopt the budget scenario and forward with recommendation to the full commission. Ms. Clark moved for adoption; Ms. Ellerbrook seconded. Motion passed.

b. **Federal Economic Stimulus Monies.** Mr. Ricci reported that the state of Indiana funding from the recently-enacted federal economic stimulus package will be \$323,000, earmarked to support positions of employment in arts organizations. The governor must first authorize acceptance of the stimulus funds. IAC will develop guidelines and applications for arts organizations to submit for review. The Program Evaluation Committee will likely be the panel to review applications.

4. **Legislative/Advocacy – Governor's Office.** Mr. Ricci reported that certain IAC commissioners are attempting to arrange a meeting with the Governor, but that, so far, response from the Governor's office has been minimal. Mr. Ricci also appealed to the Executive Committee to be more active in identifying potential commission nominees so that a steady stream of qualified candidates can be forwarded to the Governor's office. Mr. Stifel will make it

a priority to contact the full commission before the next meeting on March 13, 2009 to encourage them to have names for submission by the time of the meeting.

5. Policy Revision and Regional Partner Issues – Recommendation of PEC. The new version of the Regional Arts Partners policy guidelines and application are now “live” on the IAC website, and have been approved by the Program Evaluation Committee. The changes will be voted upon at the next meeting of the full commission.

6. Strategic Plan and Economic Crisis Management. Mr. Ricci reported that the Capacity Building Program (CPB) as it currently exists has been temporarily suspended, and no new applications will be accepted. Three organizations already receiving funding will continue through the end of their cycle. Mr. Ricci thinks that the monies previously earmarked for CPB might be put to better use if combined with other funding to build a pool of money that could be granted to economically-struggling arts organization. Guidelines have not yet been formulated. Arts Midwest, of which IAC is a member, is also discussing areas of possible regional assistance to struggling arts organization.

7. Legislative session update and commission involvement. Meetings with the state senate Ways & Means Committee are scheduled. Mr. Ricci, along with commissioner Ron Stratten and Indianapolis Children’s Choir Executive Director Don Steffy, will be meeting with Ways & Means Committee Luke Kenley today, March 4. Mr. Ricci also reported that the proposed Cultural District Legislation introduced to the House of Representatives did not make it out of committee, and so is probably “dead” for this session of the legislature.

8. Other issues. Mr. Stifel reminded everyone of Arts Advocacy at the Statehouse activities on March 12.

9. Adjourn. Ms. Clark moved for adjournment. Ms. Mirro seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.